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SUBJECT: JIU: APPOINTMENT OF NEW PANEL OF INSPECTORS

1. JOINT INSPECTION UNIT (JIU) INSPECTOR SOHM (US) HAS COMPARED NOTES INFORMALLY WITH US ABOUT THE PROSPECTIVE COMPOSITION OF THE NEW PANEL OF INSPECTORS, ENLARGED FROM 8 TO 11 UNDER THE REVISED JIU STATUTE. WE UNDERSTAND FROM SOHM A WEO CONSENSUS WAS FOUND RECENTLY IN NEW YORK FOR RETAINING US, UK AND FRENCH MATERIALS IN THE JIU, AND THE INTEREST EXPRESSED EARLIER BY THE FRG, CANADA AND LUXEMBOURG WILL NOT BE PRESSED FURTHER.

2. WHILE THE UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE ADDITIONAL THREE SLOTS WILL GO TO THE THIRD WORLD REGIONS, THE COMPETITION FOR THESE AND THE PROSPECTS APPARENTLY ARE YET UNCLEAR: (A) IN ASIA, INDIA IS NOW REPRESENTED AND APPARENTLY WISHES TO REMAIN, BUT NO ADDITIONAL CANDIDATE YET HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED; (B) IN LATIN AMERICA, ARGENTINA WISHES TO RETAIN ITS SLOT, AND BRAZIL REPORTEDLY IS INTERESTED IN OBTAINING ONE; (C) THE AFRICAN SITUATION IS CONFUSED. TANZANIA, WHICH PRESENTLY IS REPRESENTED, WISHES TO REMAIN SO, BUT BOTH SENEGAL AND GHANA HAVE CANDIDATES.

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3. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL BUFFUM MET ON JUNE 8 WITH REGIONAL SPOKESMEN TO TRY TO ORGANIZE A PRESENTATION OF AGREED REGIONAL CANDIDATES AT THE OPENING OF THE NEXT GA (THE MISSION HAS NO REPORT ON THIS AND WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING WHATEVER MAY HAVE BEEN REPORTED AS A RESULT OF THAT MEETING). SOHM'S CONCERN, OF COURSE, IS WITH THE QUALITY OF THE INSPECTORS ULTIMATELY

SELECTED, AND HE URGED THAT WE CONSIDER WHAT THE US MIGHT DO IN THE INTERIM TO ENCOURAGE THE BEST POSSIBLE PANEL TO BE ASSEMBLED.

4. MISSION WOULD AGREE THAT ANYTHING THE US CAN DO TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF THE JIU INSPECTION CORPS WILL SERVE OUR LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES FOR UTILIZING THIS UNIQUE ORGAN. IN PARALLEL WITH THIS, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT RECONSIDER THE ADVANTAGES OF KEEPING ITS PROFESSIONAL STAFF SUPPORT AS THIN AS THAT WHICH IS NOW PROGRAMMED (ONLY THREE PROFESSIONALS).SORENSEN

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